

The A. F. of L. Weekly News Service gives a brief summary of important national and international news occurring in the industrial, agricultural and labor fields. It also contains other information that will benefit the trade union movement.

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## Forced Porto Rican Emigration Would Affect Workers in U. S.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The administration's solution for the appalling social and economic conditions in Porto Rico is to apparently create another social problem in the United States by importing 100,000 Porto Rican families into the southern cotton plantations, turpentine fields and lumber camps. Porto Ricans are now paid from 40 to 80 cents a day.

Santiago Iglesias, senator in the Porto Rican legislature and president of the Porto Rican Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico, refers to the new "solution" in a memorandum to President Green of the A. F. of L. The Porto Rican trade unionist states that Secretary of War Weeks is opposed to any investigation of the charges by Porto Rican organized workers that labor in the island is treated shamefully; that the island is the victim of the most vicious brand of absentee landlordism, and that these exploiters practiced fraud and violence at the last island election.

"For the solution of the Porto Rican problem," Senator Iglesias said, "General McIntyre, chief of the bureau of immigration in the war department, is stimulating the emigration of 100,000 families." Carlos E. Chardon, Porto Rican congressman in agriculture and labor of the island, has asked that legislature to approve a plan for the emigration of 100,000 families to the

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WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1925.

## Union Label Cheater Fined \$250; Employers Join In Enforcing Pact

New York, Feb. 28.—The label director of the sanitary joint board, maintained by organized ladies garment workers and their employers, has fined an employer \$250 for violating the union label. The fine must be paid or the offending employer will be expelled from his association and lose all union connections.

## VENEZUELAN WORKERS ARE UNDER IRON HEEL

Washington, Feb. 28.—"Trade unionism is not permitted in Venezuela and the executive committee of our union is functioning in New York," said Bernardino Suarez, president of the Venezuelan Workmen's union. Mr. Suarez attended the meeting of representatives of the Pan-American Federation of Labor in this city which elected President Green chairman of that organization to succeed the late Samuel Gompers.

## FEDERAL PENSION LAW HAS BEEN LIBERALIZED

Washington, Feb. 28.—Congress has increased maximum annual payments under the federal retirement law from \$720 to \$1,200. Other payments are increased proportionately.

## PAN-AMERICAN UNION HEADED BY WM. GREEN

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Green of the A. F. of L. was elected chairman of the Pan-American Federation of Labor at a meeting of representatives of that organization, held in the A. F. of L. building, Mr. Green succeeds the late Samuel Gompers as president of the American and was its first executive.

## STATES WILL EVENTUALLY CHANGE THEIR VIEWS ON CHILD LABOR BAN

Washington, Feb. 28.—"The child labor amendment is still before the country and will be before the country until the secretary of state reports its ratification," declared Congressman Foster, in a speech in which he quoted many authorities to prove that a state which has rejected the amendment can later ratify it.

## WEST CANADA OBJECTS TO ALIEN TIT WAVE

Vancouver, British Columbia, Feb. 28.—The Canadian Pacific railway company is flooding the west coast with immigrants. Agents of the corporation are in every country and are spreading their story of vast fields of uncultivated land that want willing hands.

## PENNSY'S "UNION" IS AGAIN LAUNCHED

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—With the aid of an influential diplomat, the Pennsylvania railroad management announces that it has selected delegates to represent the telegraphers of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The management has signed a memorandum of understanding with the telegraphers' union, which provides for the company's plan of employee representation.

## GREEDY TEXTILE BARONS NOW DEMAND WAGE CUTS

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 28.—In 22 years stockholders of the Utica Steam and Electric power company have received \$186,000 in dividends and bonuses, and the mill management has made a 10 per cent wage cut.

## RAIL EMPLOYEES VETO LABOR PARTY PLAN

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## POLITICIANS EVADE THEIR PLEDGED WORD

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—"The world's changed much since the United States congress passed the federal child labor amendment which was favored by men who now are in the hands of the law," declared the New York committee for the ratification of the child labor amendment.

## FOREIGN OUT-OF-WORKS MAINTAIN HIGH FIGURE

Washington, Feb. 28.—Unemployment in foreign countries now no new record. The condition of the labor markets abroad in recent months, says the United States bureau of labor statistics.

## FAVOR BOYCOTT

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UNION OFFICIAL PASSES ON

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Alex J. McGee, well-known member of the Associated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, died in this city. He was a member of the general executive board of that organization.

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## COAL OWNERS' THUGS GETTING CORNERED

Logan, W. Va., Feb. 28.—With Sheriff Tom Claff in the Albany, because of bootlegging, and federal agents such as men as O'Brien, the law of gun men and private detectives in this county is no longer one continuous record of failure.

## POLITICAL "PULLS" IN SCHOOL SYSTEM

New York, Feb. 28.—Dr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, former assistant superintendent of schools, referred to himself as "a shining example" of a politician who successfully sought political influence to secure preferment in the city's educational system.

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## FAVOR WALK TRIPS AHEAD

New York, Feb. 28.—Nine girl strikers charged with "obscene" behavior by walking three abreast, were dismissed by the police. The police said that the girls were walking three abreast in front of shops.

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## Rockefeller's Company "Union" Discredited By Impartial Probe

New York, Feb. 28.—The "union" of Rockefeller's company "union" in Colorado is rubbed off by Ben M. Selekman, writing in the Nation on this wide-advertised substance for trade unionism. Mr. Selekman is a member of the staff of the Russell Sage Foundation. He was in southern Colorado several months investigating the Colorado fuel and iron company's "union."

Since the 1914-15 strike of these employees, when the nation was horrified by the burning of the strikers' tent colony at Ludlow, working conditions at the plants of this company have been improved. Defenders of the Rockefeller "union" give this system credit for the change.

He says "there is little evidence to prove" that the changes can be traced to the company "union." The strike called attention to these evils, he says. The writer says it reaches a string to the credit given the company "union" for the eight-hour day. For miners, the eight-hour day is fixed by law. The company is merely obeying the law.

## FAKE ECONOMY PLAN EXPOSED BY WORKERS

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 28.—Organized labor opposes the governor's plan to reduce the state budget. The plan is a "fake economy" plan, says the workers. The plan is a "fake economy" plan, says the workers.

## OLD-AGE PENSIONS IS URGED BY LABOR

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—The state federation of labor has circulated a petition for the passage of the old age assistance law, which has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court.

## NEEDLE STRIKE ENDS

New York, Feb. 28.—The strike of 15,000 needle makers in New York has ended with a victory for the workers. The workers have secured a 10 per cent increase in wages and a 44-hour week.

## WHOLESALE PRICES UP

Washington, Feb. 28.—The upward trend of the price index continued in progress since June, 1924, according to the report of the United States bureau of labor statistics.

## OPPOSE STATE COMPENSATION

Washington, Feb. 28.—The insurance companies are opposing the state compensation bill. The bill would establish the Ohio "C" workers' compensation act.